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Foreword

In this year of 1951 we find the world in a state of tension and the people with uncertainty in their hearts and minds. Already, classmates are influenced by this crisis, and their thoughts inevitably are turning toward defending their country.

Therefore, we are editing this yearbook with the hope that it may help them keep in their hearts all the happy, carefree memories of their days at Smith Academy. It is with great pride and some apprehension that we publish this 1951 ECHO.



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Dedication



It is with great pleasure that we, the class of 1951, dedicate our yearbook to Mrs. Margaret E. Pruzynski.

During our years at Smith Academy we have grown to admire her as a teacher, respect her as a woman, and love her as a friend. Her patience, poise, fairness, and good nature are found only in the best of teachers. She instilled in us the spirit "to do" and "to do correctly" and we found that we could confide in her without any fear of reproach.

Therefore, we are taking this opportunity to say all of our millions of "thanks" to her, and we very affectionately dedicate this 1951 ECHO to Mrs. Pruzynski.



SENIORS



Seniorscope

Name	Ambitions	Likes	Dislikes	Weakness
Nancy Barsh	Secretary	Cheerleading	Men????	Saturday night dancing!
Chester Foster	Sailor	Saturday night excursions	Pests	Beverly
Francis Godin	Movie Projectionist	Movie Projectors	Algebra	Girls
Robert Hoinoski	Senator	Night Clubs	Milk	Money
Henry Kabat	Jet Pilot	Motoreyedes, Females, New Cars	Teachers, school	Jane
Phyllis Koehan	Go to college	Spaghetti, Redheads	Gossips; people who don't keep dates	Jake
Donald Jandzinski	State Cop	Girls, Candy	Candy beggars	Fitchburg??
Eugene La France	Aviator	Sweet stuff	Women????	Blonde Bombers
Patricia Mason	Telephone Operator	Playing basketball	Crew cuts	Driving
Mildred Novak	Nurse	Staying home at night	Dentists, doing the dishes	Tony??
David Omasta	Marine	Girls	Pests	Joyce
Marilyn Pele	Dancing instructor	Riding in Hudsons	School in General	Charlie
Stanley Pitchko	Farmer	Driving	Homework	"Aggie"
Eleanor Vollinger	To move out of Hatfield	Driving that certain black Ford only	Jealous people, gossipers	John



NANCY BARSH

"Nan"

Hatfield, General: Chorus 1, 2, 3. Glee Club 1, 2, 3. Class Secretary 1, 4. School Paper 4. Yearbook 4. Senior Play 4. Thespian 4. Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4. Basketball 1, 2, 3. Basketball Manager 4. Pro Merito 3, 4. Washington Trip 4.

Peppy Cheerleader . . . Dancing . . . Red Sox . . . M.D.'s . . . Riots in bookkeeping . . . Happy-go-lucky . . .

CHESTER FOSTER

"Chet"

Hatfield, General: Chorus 1, 2. Glee Club 1, 2. Class Treasurer 2. President of F.F.A. 4. Student Council 1, 2, 4. Prize Speaking 3. Soccer 1, 2, 4. Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

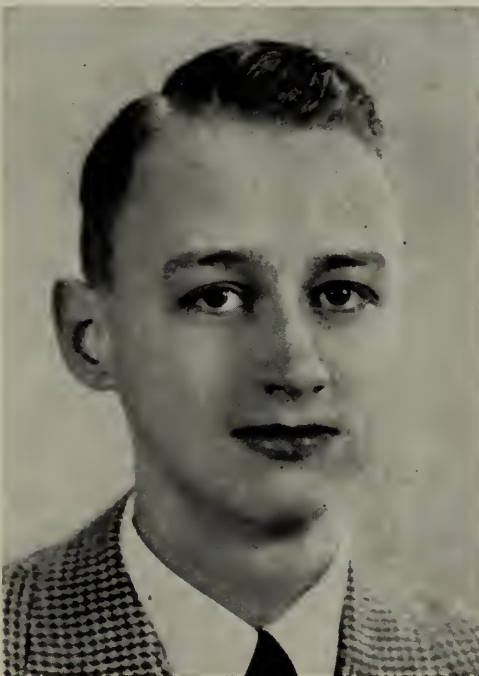
Beverly . . . Always on time?? . . . Plymouths . . . He and Hymo . . .



FRANCIS GODIN

"Popcorn"

Hatfield, General: Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4. Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Senior Play 2, 3, 4. Thespian 2, 3, 4. Prize Speaking 3. School Paper 3, 4. Yearbook 3. Class Secretary 2. Washington Trip 4. Prankster . . . Homework?? . . . Fifth period . . . Charles Atlas . . .





ROBERT HOJNOSKI

"Hymo"

Hatfield, General: Chorus 2, 3, 4. Glee Club 2, 3, 4. Class President 2. Class Secretary 3. Senior Play 4. Thespian 4. Soccer 2, 3, 4. Baseball 4. Basketball 2, 3, 4. Washington Trip 4. Mount Kisco . . . "Revenooers" . . . Six foot two . . . He and Chet . . .

DONALD JANDZINSKI

"Don"

Hatfield, Commercial: Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4. Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Class President 3, 4. Class Vice-President 1, 2. Student Council 3, 4. Senior Play 2, 3, 4. Thespian 2, 3, 4. School Paper 3, 4. Yearbook 3, 4. Boys' State 3. Good Government Representative 4. Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4. Baseball 1, 2, 3. Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4. Prize Speaking 3. Washington Trip 4.

Plenty of candy . . . Temper . . . Fitchburg . . . Those four pests at noon . . .



HENRY KABAT

"Hank"

Hatfield, Classical: Chorus 1, 2. Glee Club 1, 2. Class Treasurer 3, 4. Soccer 1, 2, 4. Basketball 1, 2, 3.

Rough character . . . Females!!! . . . Chryslers . . . Jet airplanes . . . Motorcycles . . . Teasing the girls . . .



PHYLLIS KOCHAN

"Phyll"

Hatfield, Classical: Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4 Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Senior Play 1, 2, 3, 4. Thespian 1, 2, 3, 4. School Paper 2, 3, 4. Yearbook 3, 4. Class President 1. Student Council 3, 4. Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4. Cheerleader 2, 3, 4. Prize Speaking 3. Pro Merito 3, 4. Washington Trip 4.

Jake . . . Redheads . . . Lover's quarrels . . . Walking alone?!?
. . . She and Millie . . .



EUGENE LAFRANCE

"Durante"

Bradstreet, Commercial: Chorus 1, 2. Glee Club 1, 2. Class Vice-President 3, 4. Prize Speaking 3. Soccer 1. School Paper 3, 4. Yearbook 4. Washington Trip 4.

Big game hunter . . . Great artist . . . Bookkeeping . . . Taxi-
dermy . . .

PATRICIA MASON

"Pat"

Hatfield, Commercial: Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4. Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Prize Speaking 3. Senior Play 3, 4. Thespian 3, 4. School Paper 4. Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4. D.A.R. Student. Washington Trip 4 . . .

Cute smile . . . Nice personality . . . Basketball star . . . Blushes easily . . . Males?!?





MILDRED NOVAK

"Millie"

Hatfield, Classical: Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4. Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Senior Play 3, 4. Thespian 3, 4. Pro Merito 3, 4. School Paper 3, 4. Yearbook 3, 4. Basketball 4. Washington Trip 4.

Tony . . . Movies . . . She and Phyll . . . Heart is where the home is !! . . . "Nun boussés" . . .

DAVID OMASTA

"Dwight"

North Hatfield, General: Chorus 1. Glee Club 1. President of F.F.A. 3. Prize Speaking 3. Soccer 2, 3, 4. Washington Trip 4.

Marine . . . Quiet???? . . . Hot-rod driver . . . Saturday night excursions . . . Budgars! . . .



MARILYN PELC

"Mer"

Hatfield, Commercial: Chorus 1, 2, 3. Glee Club 1, 2, 3. Class Vice-President 1. Prize Speaking 3, (First Prize). Senior Play 4. Thespian 4. Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4. Cheerleader 2, 3, 4. School Paper 4. Washington Trip 4.

Charlie . . . Hudsons . . . Marriage ?!!? . . . Cute Kid . . . Saturday night dances . . .



STANLEY PITCHKO

"Stash"

Hatfield, General: Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4. Glee Club 1 2, 3, 4.
Prize Speaking 3. Secretary of F.F.A. 4. Washington Trip 4
Shy of girls??? . . . Always smiling . . . Movie projecting . . .
Hoppy's right hand man . . .



ELEANOR VOLLINGER

"El"

West Hatfield, General: Chorus 1, 2. Glee Club 1, 2. Senior
Play 1, 3, 4. Thespian 1, 2, 3, 4. School Paper 2, 3, 4. Year-
book 3, 4. Basketball 1, 2. Asst. Mgr. of Basketball 4. Prize
Speaking 3. Washington Trip 4.

John . . . A certain black Ford . . . Dancing . . . Great fun-lover
. . . Heart in Hadley . . . Driving

Ex-Seniors

DONALD BREOR

DOROTHY GOODWIN

EVELYN LIBERACKI

JULIA SZYCH

Class History



Friends and Classmates:

Those four golden years — will we ever forget them? Initiation, homework, school parties, basketball games, proms, the tournament, D.R.'s, and all of the other things that can be associated with the best four years of our lives.

We entered Smith Academy in September, 1947. We were not an unusual class — we were just as confused and bewildered as any of you were. We wandered around the halls not knowing where to go. We went into the wrong classes at the wrong time. It took time and effort to get used to the new atmosphere, but we did it and then settled down to our new routines. As we started on the journey that would prepare us for our futures, we elected class officers. Our new president was Phyllis Kochan; vice-president, Marilyn Pelc; secretary, Nancy Barsh; and treasurer, Chester Foster. In the spring of our freshman year, we sponsored the annual spring dance. It was a gala affair with dancing, eating, and prizes. We think of our freshman year as one of the most exciting of our high school days.

As we stepped into our sophomore year, again we elected officers. Boys dominated the high offices with Robert Hojnoski, president; Donald Jandzinski, vice-president; Francis Godin, secretary; and Donald Breor, treasurer. The Hal-

lowe'en Party which we gave in October was our only social venture of the year.

Next came our junior year, which proved to be the busiest of the four. Our officers were: Donald Jandzinski, president; Eugene LaFrance, vice-president; Robert Hojnoski, secretary; and Henry Kabat, treasurer. In September of this year we initiated the Class of 1953. A good time was had by all, because the freshmen were cooperative and willing to go along for a good time. The spring of the junior year was dreaded by all, since everyone had to participate in the Junior Declamation Program. Ten students from the class — five girls and five boys — were selected for the Prize Speaking Contest. Marilyn Pelc and Eugene LaFrance carried off the top honors for the girls and boys, respectively. In March of our junior year we took over the Square Dance concession on Saturday nights, which proved to be quite a money maker.

And last, but not by any means least, came our senior year. Elected officers for the year were Donald Jandzinski, president; Eugene LaFrance, vice-president; Nancy Barsh, secretary; and Henry Kabat, treasurer. Besides sponsoring a Square Dance to raise funds for the Washington trip, many of the students of the

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Senior Auto



HeadlightsPhyllis Kochan, Donald Jandzinski Extra bright
Rear lightsHenry Kabat, Pat Mason Always out
WheelsMildred Novak, Pat Mason, Eleanor Vollinger, David Omasta
Lively people
SpotlightsNancy Barsh, Marilyn Pelc On the beam
GasFrancis Godin Easily burned up
RoofRobert Hojnoski Way above
WindshieldEugene La France Never works
SeatStanley Pitchko Always sat on

Body Students
Brakes Don't have any
Chokes Faculty
Driver Mr. Jakobek

CLASSES



Junior Class



JUNIOR NEWS

On September 6, 1950, 17 proud students entered Smith Academy to resume their studies now as Juniors. Before we left school in June for our summer vacation we elected officers. The following were elected: President, Eugene Staszko; Vice-president, William Korza; Secretary, Theresa Wilkes; and Treasurer, Connie Pelis. The Student Council representatives are Anna Kukucka and George Klocko.

The Junior Class is very proud to have so many Junior boys on the basketball team. Those on the team are Thomas Romanowski, Thomas Prucnal, Mitchie Backiel, Leonard Majesky, George Klocko, Connie Pelis, and William Korza. Euclid La Rocque (is) on the J.V. team.

The good (sports) who are represented on the soccer team are William Korza, Thomas Romanowski, Thomas Prucnal, Mitchie Backiel, Connie Pelis, George Klocko, and Harold Lizek.

A few Juniors went out for the Senior Play and received parts. Those who took part are Leonard Majesky, Eugene Staszko, Mitchie Backiel, William Korza, George Klocko, and Thomas Prucnal.

"Good Government Day" was again observed by the students of Smith Academy. Two Junoir boys also participated in this program speaking on "Americanism as Opposed to Communism." The speakers were George Klocko and Leonard Majesky.

The Juniors won intra-mural basketball. The game was played between the Sophomores and the Juniors with a score of 35 to 105.

On March 3, 1951, the Junior Class took over their duties at the square dances. We all hope to have a very successful year so we can go to Washington next year.



Sophomores



SOPHOMORE NEWS

A very eager and hard-working group of Sophomores entered Smith Academy last fall, all ready for a successful second year. At their first meeting, they elected the following class officers: Jane Dugal, president; Fred Belden, vice-president; Annie Foster, secretary; and Donald Bryant, treasurer. Carl Wendoloski was elected to serve as Student Council representative and Mr. Cassidy continued his job as class advisor.

At their "Sadie Hawkins" Hallowe'en Dance, which was held October 27, 1950, the class proved itself capable of functioning properly at social school events. The Hatfield Memorial Town Hall was a colorful place that night, decorated in traditional orange, black and yellow crepe paper. Harvest scenes of pumpkins and cornstalks made a realistic background for the

luminous skeleton which hung from the darkest corner of the hall. The music for dancing was furnished by the "Melody Aces" and cider and doughnuts were served as refreshments. No one will forget this occasion because of the "Patch Dance" which highlighted the evening.

In November the class ordered their class rings and were wearing them the following March. Everyone agreed that they were the nicest class rings they ever saw.

The Sophomore girls and boys proved very good basketball players. Jane Dugal, Sylvia Ragg, Judy Ryan and Dorothy Pelis have helped the girls' team on to victory many times; and Donald Bryant and Edwin Smith have starred for the J.V. team on several occasions. Donald Bryant also made the varsity team.

All in all, the Sophomores can boast of a successful year at Smith Academy.



Freshman Class



FRESHMAN NEWS

On September 6, 1950, 23 freshmen entered Smith Academy, ten girls and thirteen boys. Included were the Backiel twins, Peter and Pauline, the only pair of twins in Smith Academy.

The officers for the class of 1954 are: president, Robert Kowalski; vice-president, Pauline Backiel; secretary, Bernard Gocłowski; treasurer, Rita Vollinger; Student Council representative, Tresa Brassord. The class advisor is Mrs. Pruzynski.

The class was represented in soccer this year by six boys: Robert Kowalski, Bernard Gocłowski, James Zehelski, Robert Baye, Bruce Yarrows, and Joseph Godzina.

Several freshmen girls were successful in winning a part in the senior play, entitled, "Beauty and the Beef." They are Joan Kalentek, Pauline

Backiel, Rita Vollinger, Sally Toczko, Teresa Brassord, Patricia Novak, and Margaret Ziezulewicz.

Three girls were also successful in winning positions as cheerleaders for the second team in basketball. They are Teresa Brassord, Patricia Novak, and Joan Kalentek.

Five freshmen girls went out for the girls' basketball team which is coached by Mrs. Muller of the faculty. They are as follows: Sally Toczko, Pauline Backiel, Rita Vollinger, Teresa Brassord, and Margaret Ziezulewicz.

Many boys went out for the boys' basketball team.. Those who had positions on the Freshman team were: Peter Backiel, David Havilir, Billy Wilkes, Bruce Yarrows, Robert Baye, Robert Kowalski, and Bernard Gocłowski. Their coach was Mr. Symancyk.



Faculty



JOHN C. JAKOBEC

Chemistry, Algebra II — Principal, Student Council advisor.

MARY E. RYAN

Classical English, Business English III, IV — Advisor to school paper and senior class, coach of dramatics, public speaking.

MARY E. SPAKOWSKI

Civics, Biology, Home Economics — Advisor to the Future Homemakers Club and junior class.

FLORENCE E. MULLER

World History, Algebra I, French I, Geometry, Latin II, — Coach of girls' basketball.

MARGARET E. PRUZYNSKI

Typing I and II, Shorthand I and II, Secretarial Practice — Advisor to freshman class and school paper.

EDWARD R. CASSIDY

English IB and IIB, Bookkeeping, U. S. History, Business Training — Coach of boys' basketball, advisor to the yearbook and sophomore class, director of audio-visual aids.

JOHN F. SYMANCYK

Problems of Democracy, General Mathematics, Physical Education, General Science — Coach of varsity soccer, varsity baseball, and freshman basketball.

GEORGE C. FEIKER

Agriculture — Advisor to the F.F.A.

SPORTS



Boys' Varsity Basketball



This year the Smith Academy basketball team had a successful season on the polished surface. The team ended up in a two way tie with Amherst for fifth place. In Hampshire League play the team won seven and lost nine games, but the teams record for the season was eleven wins against thirteen losses.

The team this year was piloted by Captain Chet Foster. A bright and shining star appeared on the Smith Academy team this year. This outstanding player was Giles Kellogg, who was third highest scorer in Western Mass. Giles tossed 422 points this season, and he was also voted most valuable player in the Western Mass. Small Schools Tourney. The team will lose Chet Foster, Bob Hojnoski, and Don Jandzinski by graduation but nine of the first twelve will return next year. The nine players that will return next year are Dutch Kellogg, Bill Korza, Mitch Backiel, Tom Romanowski, Tom Prucnal, George Klocko, Len Bajesky, Connie Pelis, and Don Bryant.

The School is looking forward to a very good season next year.

SCORES

S. A.	40	St. Mary's	45
S. A.	44	Greenfield	57
S. A.	60	Clarke School	38
S. A.	57	Westfield Trade	51
S. A.	37	Hopkins	48
S. A.	44	Orange	42
S. A.	32	Deerfield	49
S. A.	49	So. Hadley	55
S. A.	79	Arms	55
S. A.	53	Amherst	57
S. A.	53	Smith's School	54
S. A.	42	St. Michael's	46

2nd Half

S. A.	46	Hopkins	49
S. A.	53	Orange	37
S. A.	52	Deerfield	44
S. A.	53	So. Hadley	83
S. A.	66	Arms	74
S. A.	61	Amherst	45
S. A.	68	Smith's School	49
S. A.	52	St. Michael's	51
S. A.	67	Greenfield	69



Tournament



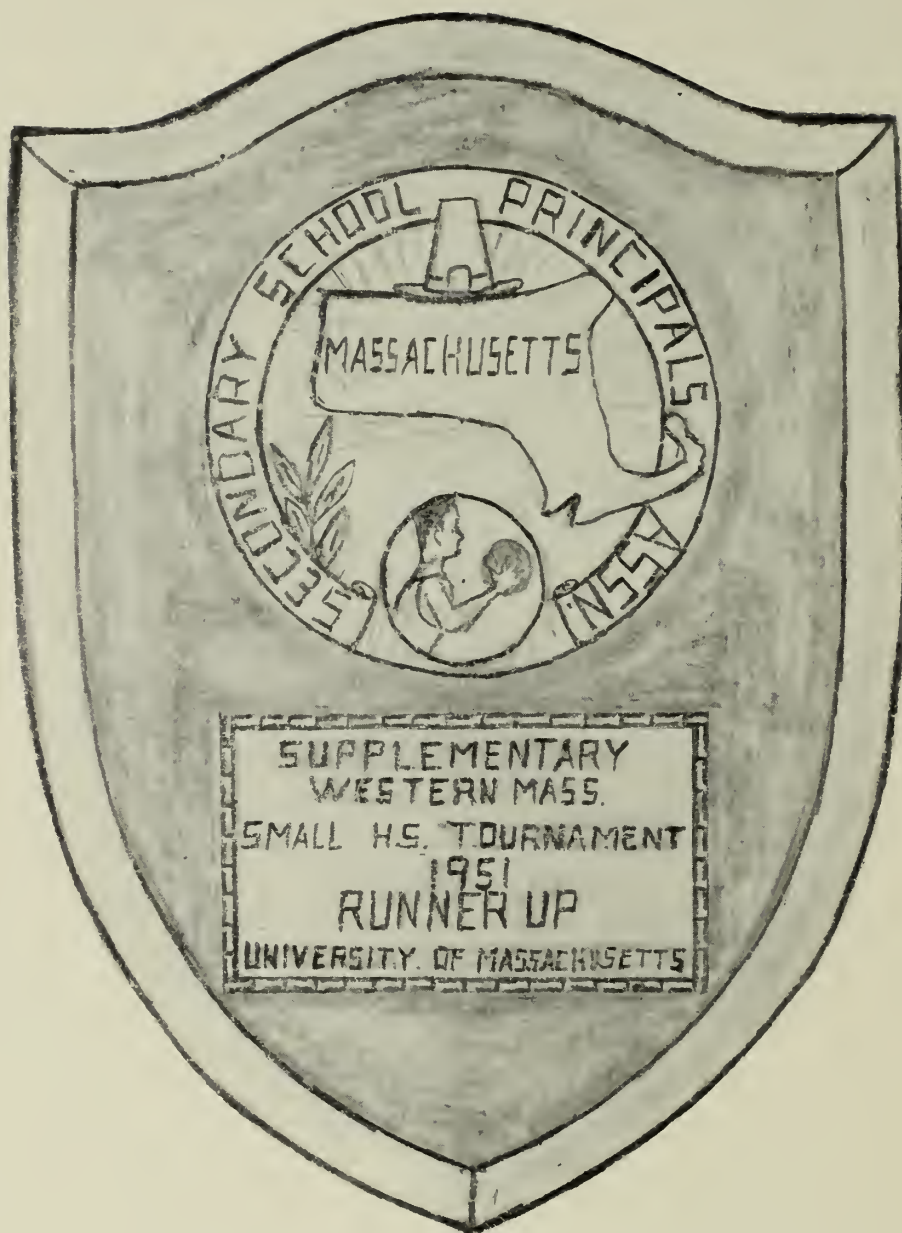
This year the Smith Academy basketball team was invited to attend the Special Small Schools Tournament in Amherst. The games were played in the University of Massachusetts Cage.

On March 5 the Smith Academy boys met the Belchertown High School team on the polished court and took their measure to the tune of forty-nine to forty-one. Although the team as a whole played a wonderful game, Dutch Kellogg and Buckwheat Korza did more than their share by scoring twenty and ten points respectively. By winning this first game the Smith Academy team went into the Semi-finals.

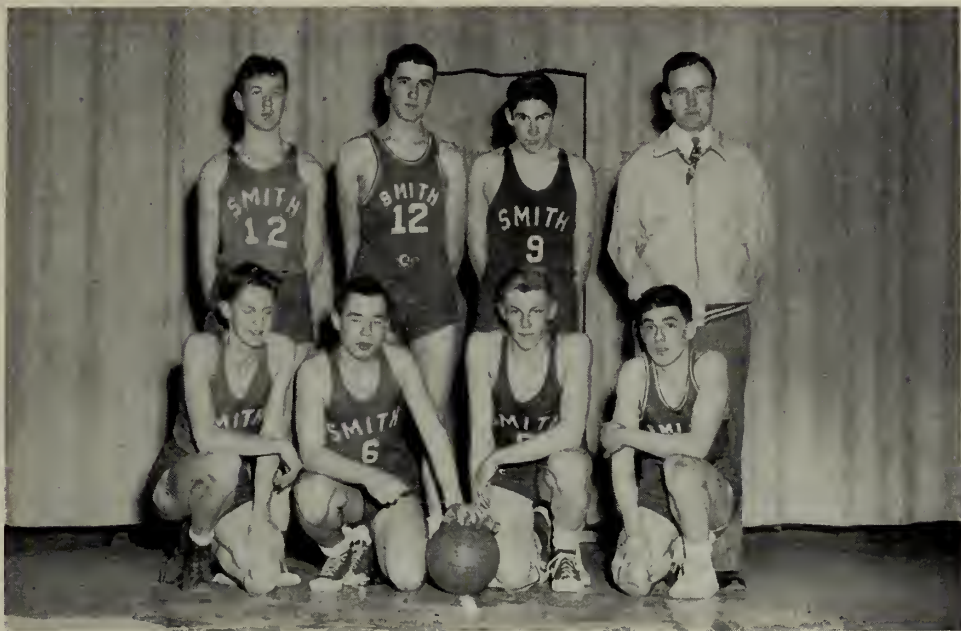
In the Semi-finals the boys from Smith Academy were up against the team from Chester High School, and this game was a hard-fought one, because the team that won this one would be in the finals against Lenox. At the end of the first half, the Smith Academy team was ahead by only two points. The play was close near the end of the game; with only eighteen seconds to go, the Chester team had the ball and were coming down the floor. The score

was thirty-nine to thirty-seven; if they scored, the game would be all tied up; but Buckwheat Korza came out of nowhere, stole the ball, and scored. That was the last basket — and Smith Academy won forty-one to thirty-seven.

When the last night of the tournament came, the whole Hampshire League was hoping that Smith Academy would win, because Smith Academy was the last Hampshire League team in the tournament. When Smith Academy met Lenox in the finals, the boys fought just as hard as they always had in the other games of the tournament, but they had one of their off nights, and couldn't score. At the end of the first half, Smith Academy was ahead by a score of twenty to eighteen. As the second half began, the Lenox team started to creep up on the S. A. boys and at the end of the third quarter Lenox went ahead and kept ahead till the end of the game. Although the final score was forty-seven to thirty-six, the team didn't really lose, because they gained in experience and confidence which we hope will aid them on the basketball court next season.



Boys' J. V. Basketball



Although the J. V. basketball team did not have as successful season as the varsity, it did do its share in winning glory for the School. The boys fought hard all season and learned a lot of basketball. Many of the faces that were seen on the J.V. team this year will be on the varsity next season.

The team started the season off in good style when they won four games but in the second half the team seemed to go into a slump. The team lost two players to the varsity but three freshmen were brought up to take their place.

The team finished the season with four wins and sixteen losses.

SCORES

S. A.	20	St. Mary's	38
S. A.	22	Greenfield	37
S. A.	36	Westfield	33
S. A.	23	Hopkins	20
S. A.	33	Orange	59
S. A.	27	Deerfield	38
S. A.	34	So. Hadley	45
S. A.	32	Arms	36
S. A.	37	Amherst	55
S. A.	45	Smith's School	39
S. A.	48	St. Michael's	45

2nd Half

S. A.	26	Hopkins	42
S. A.	33	Orange	39
S. A.	17	Deerfield	38
S. A.	33	So. Hadley	73
S. A.	31	Arms	71
S. A.	36	Amherst	57
S. A.	23	Smith's School	26
S. A.	37	St. Michael's	55
S. A.	18	Greenfield	47



Soccer



This year twenty-three boys reported to Coach Symanyk for soccer. On the whole the team was composed of mostly veterans. Seniors and Juniors were the sparkplugs of the team, with the Sophomores contributing only one member to the regulars.

Coach Symanyk concentrated on line play, the one weakness of the team, up to the first game.

The first half of the season was poor, but the boys were willing to improve, and they did for when the second half opened against league-leading Holyoke the boys from S.A. played their best game. Smith Academy lost the game 2 to 1 after Holyoke was awarded a free kick.

The rest of the second half ended very well.

Smith Academy was invited to the Western Mass. tournament where they played Monson High and lost that game with a score of 4 to 0.

The team as a whole was good but there were a few players who were outstanding. Don Jandzinski and Dwight Omasta saved many a goal while on the offensive Kabat and Backiel were outstanding for their passing. Korza did a very good job in the goal. Giles Kellogg was a late comer but he did very well in our last games.

SCORES

S. A.	2	Deerfield	4
S. A.	0	Holyoke	4
S. A.	0	Hopkins	6
S. A.	1	Smith's School	1
S. A.	0	Easthampton	7

2nd Half

S. A.	1	Holyoke	2
S. A.	0	Hopkins	0
S. A.	1	Smith's School	0
S. A.	1	Easthampton	4
S. A.	0	Monson	4

PLAYERS

Chester Foster	William Korza
Donald Jandzinski	Richard Woloss
Henry Kabat	Edward Merski
Robert Hojnoski	Edwin Smith
Dwight Omasta	Bruce Yarrows
Mitchie Backiel	Bernard Goclowski
Harold Lizek	Robert Kowalski
Tom Prucnal	Robert Baye
Euclid La Rocque	Joe Godzima
Tom Romanowski	James Zehelski
George Klocko	Giles Kellogg

Connie Pelis



Baseball



For the second year in a row, baseball was tried in Smith Academy. This year fifteen men reported to Coach Symancyk. Among these fifteen there were only two seniors, Bob Hojnoski and Don Jandzinski. These two boys are the only players that will be lost by graduation.

The pitching staff will consist of lefty Bob

Hojnoski and big Dutch Kellogg. The catching this year will be done by Buckwheat Korza.

At the beginning of the season, Bob Kowalski the regular third baseman was lost when he fractured his leg while sliding into second base at practice. This will make a great weakness in our team.

This year the team will play a fourteen game schedule in the Hampshire League. The team will start their season against Smith's School.

Coach Symancyk and his ball players are looking forward to a very successful season.



Varsity Cheerleaders



Smith Academy was very proud of its varsity cheerleaders this year and gives them much credit for helping the boys to win those games. Because of their enthusiasm and "pep," they gave the team that last spurt of energy needed for winning. The girls can be called the most "sporty" in the league, not only for their novel cheers and sportsmanship, but for their appear-

ance as well. With three seniors, Marilyn Pelc, Phyllis Kochan, and Nancy Barsh and three sophomores Jane Dugal, Arlene Pelc, and Annie Foster, making up the varsity section, the cheering this year was very colorful. The energetic and enthusiastic cheering ability of these girls makes them the most popular in this area.



J. V. Cheerleaders



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Three peppy cheerleaders for the junior varsity were chosen by the student body at the beginning of the school year. As all of them are Freshmen, they will be varsity cheerleaders for the next three years besides being J. V. leaders this year. These new girls are Patty Novak, Joan Kalentek, and Teresa Brassord. All of us are happy to know they will be back with us in the '51-'52 basketball season. Their determination to lead the boys on to victory has won them a widespread reputation as excellent cheerleaders.

CLASS HISTORY—Continued

class took part in the senior play, "Beauty and the Beef." In April of 1951 the long-awaited Washington Trip became a reality and twelve of us went along on the Battery tour to Washington, D. C. and New York City.

Our Student Council members for the four years were: freshman and sophomore years, Chester Foster; junior year, Phyllis Kochan and Donald Jandzinski; senior year, Phyllis Kochan, Chester Foster, and Donald Jandzinski. Boys who participated in various sports included: Chester Foster, Donald Jandzinski, Robert Hohnoski, Henry Kabat, Eugene LaFrance, and David Omasta. Girls' Basketball players were: Pat Mason, Marilyn Pelc, Phyllis Kochan, Mil-

dred Novak, and Nancy Barsh. Cheerleaders included: Marilyn Pelc, Phyllis Kochan, and Nancy Barsh. Our faculty advisor for the four years was Miss Ryan.

The honor students who gave speeches at the graduation exercises were: Phyllis Kochan, Nancy Barsh, Mildred Novak, Eleanor Vollinger, and Eugene LaFrance.

With June and graduation, our happy, care-free high school days ended, as we all separated for college or new jobs. But in the years to come, whether the future looks sunny or dark, we will often hear the old phrase, "I wish I were back in S. A."

Nancy Barsh, '51

Girls' Basketball



The Girls' Basketball team has had a far better season than the record indicates. The record book shows two victories and nine defeats, but the girls felt that if they played the game straight and hard, they would be winning something, even if they lost the game.

The Muller-coached team began their season with a defeat at the hands of Amherst. Two games were played with each of the following teams: Amherst High School, Hopkins Academy, Northampton High School, St. Michael's High School, and Deerfield. The two victories were at the expense of St. Michael's and the Burnham School for Girls.

The team was led by captain Pat Mason, who was the high-scorer with 118 points; Marilyn Pelc came second; with 70 points, and Jane Dugal scored 49 points. Other forwards were

Theresa Wilkes, Sally Toczko, Teresa Brassord, and Rita Vollinger. Guards were Phyllis Kochan, Mildred Novak, Sylvia Raffa, Judy Ryan, and Pauline Backiel. Nancy Barsh was the manager and Eleanor Vollinger was assistant manager for the season.

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S. A.	23	Hopkins	26
S. A.	22	Burnham	14
S. A.	35	N. H. S.	41
S. A.	24	Burnham	35





ACTIVITIES



Student Council



STUDENT COUNCIL

On September 27, the Student Council held its first meeting and elected the following officers: Donald Jandzinski, president; George Klocko, vice-president; and Carl Wendolowski, secretary-treasurer.

The other members of the council are Phyllis Kochan and Chester Foster, Seniors; Anna Kukucka, Junior; and Teresa Brassord, Freshman.

At this first meeting the Student Council decided to sponsor the annual magazine campaign and to use the money for projects that would benefit the students of Smith Academy.

On October 15, the Council had another meeting to discuss the organization of the Cheerleaders and the use of the new radio.

After some discussion the Council decided to bring the three second-team cheerleaders up with the Varsity Cheerleaders. There would be an election for three J. V. Cheerleaders. After this problem was settled, the use of the radio was taken into consideration. A satisfactory idea was brought forth to the council by one of its members to have two representatives from each class, starting with the seniors and working down to the freshmen, to run it at noon and after school.

In January another problem was set before the council about a Good Government Day Program. It was decided that there would be six speakers. The program as a whole was very good and of importance and interest to all.



Pro Merito

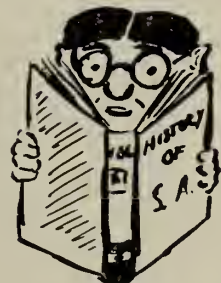


There are two classes of Pro Merito in Smith Academy, the senior Pro Merito and the junior Pro Merito. The senior group includes Phyllis Kochan, Nancy Barsh, and Mildred Novak. The only junior member is James Smith. The requirement for Pro Merito membership is an over-all average of eighty-five or better.

The Smith Academy Chapter is a member of the Massachusetts Pro Merito Society, which holds annual meetings in various schools.

On Saturday, October 7, 1950, the senior Pro Merito members, accompanied by Miss Ryan, attended the Regional Fall Convention of the Pro Merito Society, held this past year at Amherst High School.

The officers are: president — Phyllis Kochan, vice-president — Nancy Barsh, and secretary-treasurer — Mildred Novak.



Thespians



SENIOR PLAY

On November 3, 1951, the Smith Academy Thespians presented a 3-act comedy by William Davidson, entitled "Beauty and the Beef," at the Hatfield Memorial Town Hall.

The story centers around the Allen family, who had moved from Chicago to Winnibagushi, South Minnesota and were getting settled in their new home. Ginny, their 17-year old daughter who tried to live down her reputation as the smartest girl ever to graduate from the "Junior Quiz Program" was enacted by Phyllis Kochan, who added humor, vitality and attractiveness to the play.

As George Allen, the father who couldn't understand Ginny's problems, Fred Belden gave a cheerful and realistic performance. Nancy Barsh contributed the homey atmosphere as Laura Allen, the mother. Conscientious brother Lester, who really got in a fix was played by Francis Godin. Millie Novak was Franny, a disillusioned smart girl, who was Ginny's best friend.

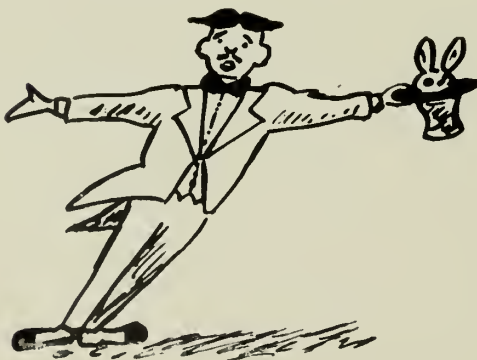
Carl Wendoloski added dignity to the play as Prof. Barton, a gentle soul with a mild manner. Lester was helping Molly a girl of thirteen with pigtails, played by Pat Mason, to get into the school band so that she could play the bass drum. Her father, Mr. Woods, who was the "works" in the Wook's family and who was against this plan, was played by Edwin Smith, who gave a good show as the domineering father.

Things really started popping when "Beef," played by Don Jandzinski, appeared. He was Ginny's heart throb and a good football player, but lacks intelligence in the class-room. Because Miss Bigsby, the teacher, played by Judy Ryan, suspended him from school, he would be unable to play in the big football game against Hastings, a rival school. Using all their efforts to postpone the game a week, so that Beef would be able to play, Ginny and Franny served the boys epicac in their cocoa at a party given for the team.

The football team, including Foggy, Scaffold, Steve and Bubbles played by Mitchie Backiel, Lennie Majesky, Eddie Merski, and Bill Korza respectively, was the center of great hilarity as they all got sick from the epicac. The cheerleaders, Dot, Mitzi, and Betty played by Jane Dugal, Eleanor Vollinger, and Joan Kalentek, were all concerned when the boys so mysteriously got ill.

Enter Miss Spencer, the great lady doctor, who wasn't as self-assured as she'd like to be, played by Annie Foster. All through the play, Franny and Barbara, the majorette, played by Marilyn Pelc, fought for the affections of Foggy, also the drum major of the Winnibagushi band. He was undecided!

All's well that ends well, and after a period of a week, when the boys were recuperating, they went ahead to beat Hastings, with Beef in the Hero's position, with the winning touch-down to his credit.



School Paper



Once again a large number of people turned out to organize a school-paper staff. The following members were elected to their respective places. Editor-in-chief, Donald Jandzinski; associate editors, Anna Kuckucka and Eleanor Vollinger; business managers, Phyllis Kochan and Leonard Majesky; literary staff, Mildred Novak and Phyllis Kochan; student council reporter, Carl Wendoloski; Freshman reporter, Sally Toczko; Sophomore reporter, Jeanette Zalen-ski; Columns were written by Nancy Barsh, Marilyn Pelc, and Ann Foster; the Humor Columns by Eugene Staszko, Esther Thayer, and Dorothy Pelis; Boy's sports by Fred Belden; Girl's sports by Judith Ryan; Girl's music by Mildred Novak; Boy's music by Robert Hoj-

noski; Junior reporter, Margaret Englehart; Senior reporter, Nancy Barsh; H. A. news, Judy Jenness; FFA news, Euclid La Roque; School Play, Phyllis Kochan. The art editor was Eugene La France. His staff which consisted of Jane Dugal, Sylvia Raffa, Robert Jablonski, and Francis Godin did a very commendable job.

Mrs. Pruzynski and Miss Ryan both gave their time and effort in making this paper a success. Our compliments to them.

The paper last year won a cup for general excellence for the second time, and this year's staff hopes that the paper will again receive the cup so that it will stay in Smith Academy forever.



Yearbook



Every year the staff of our ECHO wants to produce a yearbook different from the preceding year. The class of 1951 wishes to thank the under-graduates for their wonderful help and cooperation in making our Yearbook what it is.

The staff consists of Donald Jandzinski, editor-in-chief; associate editors, George Klocko, and Theresa Wilkes; Fred Belden and Carl Wendoloski, who did such a good job with the ads; Ann Foster, Anna Kukucka, and Peggy Englehardt who did such a wonderful job with the write-ups; Walter Piekunka, Phyllis Kochan, and Mildred Novak, did a very commendable job with the pictures.

Mitchie Backiel and Edward Merski putting their sport talents into the wonderful sport reports; Eleanor Vollinger and Nancy Barsh giving their time and effort in seeing that all the material was written and handed in to the editor; and Eugene La France who used his artistic talent to create the many cartoons and drawings.

Mr. Cassidy, the advisor, gave his time after classes to make this years' Yearbook. With Mr. Cassidy's valuable counsel and the combined effort of the staff, this volume was produced.





GLEE CLUBS



Agricultural Highlights



In September, fifteen boys came into our Agricultural Department. Our first highlight was a trip to the Eastern States Exposition. At the Exposition, Chester Foster, and Connie Pelis entered the NEPPCO egg judging contest. Chet came in second and went to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania as part of a two-man team representing Massachusetts. We won first out of fourteen other states. Along with the contest, he visited New York and the Hershey Farms.

In November, we entered teams to judge vegetables and Poultry. Stanley Cybulski, Thomas Widelo, and Euclid LaRocque made up the vegetable team, and Chester Foster, William Korza, and Connie Pelis were on the Poultry team. Chet came in seventh, William came in twenty-first, and Connie came in twenty fourth out of 64 boys. The first 20 judged again in April, and Chet came in sixth out of twenty.

In March, Stanley Cybulski entered the Dis-

trict Public Speaking contest held at Smith Academy, and Stanley came in first out of Five other school. He later participated in the State Finals held at the University of Massachusetts.

Ten out of the Fifteen boys in our department, went to the Annual Leadership school at the University, and were congratulated on the excellent work and achievements we made during the past year. To fill in time small contests were held, but no prizes were given out. In the Questionnaire Contest, we were tied for first place with Stockbridge. We participated in the opening and closing ceremonies, and received congratulations for doing so well.

Because we wanted a Spray-rig, for spraying trees, we decided to start a card sale. We made a good go of it, and made \$75.00. Out of the \$75.00 we have purchased a Spray-rig, and intend to hold a picnic later in the Spring before school gets out.



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- ‡3. Exploits of Charles Harold Lizek
- ‡4. An Afternoon in a Hotel Room Theresa Wilkes
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Washington Trip

Monday:

On the bright and sunny morning of April 16, twelve members of the senior class comprised of Eleanor Vollinger, Stanley Pitchko, Marilyn Pelc, Pat Mason, Eugene LaFrance, Mildred Novak, Phyllis Kochan, Francis Godin, Robert Hojnoski, David Omasta, Donald Jandzinski, and Nancy Barsh, were up bright and early, for this was the day on which we would leave for Washington, D. C. and New York City on the Battey Tour.

We were met at the Northampton Railroad Station by Mrs. Battey — Mr. Battey was to join us in Washington — and boarded the 7 a.m. train for Springfield. In Springfield we were joined by a group of thirteen from Chester High School. The time passed swiftly as we sang, laughed, and talked and soon we were in New York. We walked through Grand Central Terminal and across 42nd Street to the motor coach terminal, where we boarded a bus which took us through the streets of New York and to lower Manhattan to the ferry into which the bus was to be loaded was waiting.

From the upper deck of the ferry we had an exceptionally fine view of New York sky line and the beautiful Statue of Liberty. (I might add that several of the girls were taken sea sick on the ferry.) The ferry took us to the train-side of the Baltimore and Ohio Train. Luncheon was served in the dining car as we started the trip straight through to the Nation's capitol. We arrived in Washington approximately 5:30 and boarded a bus which took us to the Carroll Arms Hotel, where rooms with bath, four persons each, and all meals, were provided during the entire stay in Washington. We were given our keys and we went to our rooms to unpack and freshen up before going to dinner.

After dinner we went to the beautiful Capitol Theatre where we saw the movie, "Royal Wedding." Most were so tired that they fell asleep during the show. We then returned to the hotel, where we proceeded to get acquainted with the students from other schools. (This was accomplished by yelling out of windows and knocking on the walls. The Chester girls will never forget locking themselves out of their rooms at 2 o'clock in the morning.) This was the night that the Hatfield girls all slept in two beds because they were afraid that someone was knocking on the windows. We finally got to sleep about 5:30.

Tuesday:

After a hearty breakfast, we drove to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving where we saw the printing of paper money. Imagine seeing several million dollars in ones, fives, tens, and twenty dollar bills and not being able to get your hands on it! From the Bureau, we rode to the Pan American Union, the home of South American nation and one of the most beautiful buildings in the world.

Next we drove to the Washington Monument. Feeling very energetic, most of the party members decided to climb the 898 steps to the top. From the top of the Monument we had a wonderful view of the Potomac River, the City of Washington, and the state of Virginia. I might add that most of us came down in the elevator.

After luncheon at the hotel we went on a coach tour of the city during which our wonderful guide, Gay Conkleman, pointed out the homes of famous people, embassies, and legations of foreign countries, and other points of interest. Crossing the Potomac River we arrived at Arlington where we saw the Curtis Lee Mansion, the Memorial Amphitheatre, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. From the Cemetery we rode to historic Alexandria, Virginia, and thence to Mount Vernon, old home and resting place of George and Martha Washington. Returning over the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, we stopped at the famous Lincoln Memorial.

We then journeyed back to the hotel for dinner after which we walked to the Congressional Library, where we saw the original Constitution and Declaration of Independence. (It was this night that three of the girls met those handsome Hopkinton boys.)

Wednesday:

On Wednesday morning we awoke to the sound of the telephone. We were told to dress and be down to breakfast at 8 o'clock. We rushed around and managed to get down only five minutes late — what else could they expect with six girls trying to use one small mirror all at once??? After breakfast motor coaches took us to the Smithsonian Institute, the New National Museum, and the Mellon Art Gallery.

After luncheon we made the long trip to Annapolis, Maryland, where we saw a dress

parade of the Naval Cadets, the Gymnasium, Tomb of John Paul Jones, Nancroft Hall, and a boat drill on the Severn River. (Five S.A. students will never forget being lost at this point.) That night most of us went to Glen Echo Park. Some went dancing, others enjoyed the rides, and others just walked around. When we returned to the hotel and most of us had parties in our rooms and, of course, a gab session about the events of the day.

Thursday:

Thursday morning we rode to the Franciscan Monastery where we saw reproductions of several shrines of the Holy Land and Roman Catacombs. From the Monastery we went to the world famous Zoological Gardens where we saw hundreds of animals, reptiles, and birds that were imported from all over the world.

After lunch we walked down to Pennsylvania Avenue where we were fortunate to see General Douglas MacArthur as he came out of the Capitol Building and rode down Pennsylvania Avenue. Although people mobbed the streets, most of us got at least one snapshot of the General, and some of the girls were fortunate enough to have their pictures taken for the movies and the newspapers.

Later that afternoon we made an interesting tour of the Capitol building, where such spots as the old House of Representatives and the old Senate were pointed out. In the evening some of the party went to the Capitol Theatre to see Guy Mitchell in person, while others went to other theatres.

Friday:

Immediately following breakfast Friday morning our group picture was taken and then we went by motor coach to Union Station to begin our trip to New York. After having lunch on the train, we arrived in Jersey City where we again rode the ferry.

Upon arriving in New York City, a motor coach took us to the beautiful Taft Hotel on the corner of 7th Avenue and 50th Street. After we were given our room numbers and

keys, we left the hotel to attend the show at Radio City Music Hall, the largest theater in the world where we saw a stage show, which included the famous "Rockettes." We also saw "Father's Little Dividend," on the screen.

Dinner followed at the Down Under Restaurant at Rockefeller Center, after which we enjoyed a guided tour of the National Broadcasting Studio. Following the tour a visit was made to the Observation Roof at Rockefeller Center, which is 77 stories above the ground. From this point we viewed the night scene of entire Manhattan Island, Brooklyn, Hudson and East Rivers, and New Jersey shore. Again, as in the preceding nights, we did not get to bed until after 2 a.m.

Saturday:

Saturday morning found the boys roaming around the halls and knocking on the girls' doors at a very early hour — so early, in fact, the girls never even heard them — or maybe they were so tired that they couldn't get out of bed if they tried. Finally the boys gave up and visited the Statue of Liberty, and the girls finally managed to drag themselves out of bed around 10 o'clock and went shopping in New York stores.

Following luncheon at the Down Under Restaurant, we checked out of the Taft Hotel and boarded a motor coach, bag, baggage, and half the ashtrays, towels, and please-do-not-disturb signs in the hotel. We were then taken on a tour of downtown New York, including Broadway, Greenwich Village, the Bowery, and Chinatown. This tour ended at Grand Central Terminal, where we boarded a train for Springfield at 5:10.

Most of us were too tired to sing, but nevertheless the time flew by, and soon we found ourselves in Springfield and soon in Northampton. We were sorry to have the trip a thing of the past, but were certainly glad to get home. What a time! DON'T MISS IT!!!

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